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Upgradation of Roads Under PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government of Gujarat had resubmitted a proposal of Rs. 466 crores for upgradation of Rural Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) scheme in the month of Feb. 2011 which was earlier rejected by the Union Government: and

b) if so, the reasons for pendency of the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): "Rural Roads" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide connectivity by way of an All-Weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States' (States of the North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert areas, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 88 Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). The programme envisages single all weather connectivity. Accordingly, all the project proposals of the State of Gujarat have been sanctioned by the Ministry.
Up-gradation of selected rural roads to provide full farm to market connectivity is also an objective of the scheme, though not central to it. Out of total target of the Scheme to sanction 2,24,906 kms of Upgradation works, the proportionate share of 6,181 kms has already been sanctioned to the State of Gujarat.

In addition, PMGSY-II has also been launched for upgradation of existing selected rural roads based on a prescribed criterion to strengthen and to make the rural road-network vibrant for the States to whom all the projects of PMGSY-I are already sanctioned. Presently, the total target of the PMGSY-II scheme, under the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17), is 50,000 kms of upgradation. The share of Gujarat in this total target is 1,205 kms. The Ministry has already sanctioned projects for 1,180.30 kms of roads and 9 bridges to Gujarat with an estimated cost of Rs. 690.68 crore against the said target.

Presently, no proposal under PMGSY-II from Gujarat is pending with the Ministry.

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